

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed Jan. 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dawson (US Patent 6,625,764. Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dawson in view of Beverly (US Patent 6,732,182.

The Examiner kindly indicated the allowability of claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 23, and 25-30 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of base and any intervening claims.

To move the present case to allowance, independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 have been amended incorporate allowable subject found in dependent claims, as well any intervening claims. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4; independent claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10; independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 16; and independent claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 23.

Claims 4, 10, 16, 22, and 23 have been removed from the case.

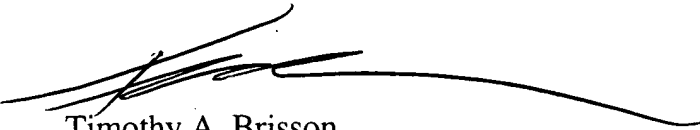
Accordingly, Applicant believes independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 are now allowable over the cited art of record. As such, it is also believed that the remaining dependent claims (claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20-21, and 24-30) are allowable as being dependent upon allowable base claims.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner may telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

Respectfully submitted,
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